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Accomplishments

Department of Commerce, General Counsel's Office

Chief, General Law Division, 2005-present, SES

Advise on legal challenges for Secretarial priorities

- Ensured the proper disposition of billions in Recovery Act funds appropriated to the Department of Commerce
- Designed and executed the Department's shutdown plans
- Applied sequestration to the Department
- Provide legal advice on Anti-deficiency Act issues, reports ranging from \$25 million misuse to complex cases of first impression with social media Coordinate with OMB, the Department of Justice, and GAO
- Provided legal guidance on the exponential growth and use of social media and Web 2.0 as tools for the Department
- Reduced the backlog of FOIA appeals by 70% in response to the Administration's transparency objectives

Create and Manage Training Program for thousands of employees

- Design, give, and supervise the presentation of 40-60 trainings a year across the Department on issues including appropriations law, leveraging resources, intellectual property, and FOIA
- Led a team of General Law attorneys in a two-year program providing a series of trainings for the Egyptian government on Transparency Law
- Twice invited to speak on the Anti-deficiency Act at the GAO annual appropriations conference
- Invited to present on the Anti-deficiency Act and Budget Realities at an American Bar Association conference, 2013

Supervise Litigation

- Manage all Department FOIA, FACA, and Privacy Act litigation, supervising attorneys and working with the Justice Department

Management

- Represent General Counsel at a council of the senior career employees (or their designee) of each of the 12 agencies in the Department, which designs Department's strategic plan, and develops responses to Government-wide initiatives including employee viewpoint surveys, OMB requirements, and White House priorities
- Assist in managing \$9 million dollar budget for Office of Assistant General Counsel for Administration

- Developed and now supervise a program to provide legal review of Memoranda of Understanding worth over \$4 billion and covering all agencies in the Department

Experience

Department of Commerce, General Counsel's Office

Chief, General Law Division, 2005-present, SES

Supervise a staff of 17 attorneys and 2 administrative support professionals providing legal advice on the administration and management of the Department of Commerce, particularly: appropriations law; budget formulation; financial management; open government and transparency; privacy; trade secrets law; intellectual property including trademarks, copyright and internet issues; FOIA; FACA; Vacancies Reform Act; delegation of authority; records retention, personal property; and travel

Deputy Chief, General Law Division, 2001-2005

Reviewed 1500-2000 MOUs a year, ensuring consistency of approach across the Department, proper legal authority, compliance with appropriations laws and timely delivery. Designed and presented MOU training for the first time in the Department and rolled it out to all component agencies; began as attorney advisor, General Law Division 1994-2001.

Chief Judge Judith Rogers, D.C. Court of Appeals, Judicial Clerk, 1992-1993

Drafted and edited published and unpublished opinions, concurrences, and dissents on a variety of topics including criminal law, civil law, D.C. administrative agency cases, conflicts of law, and jurisdiction.

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

J.D., *cum laude*, Dean's List, May 1992

- Development Editor, *Georgetown International Environmental Law Review*
- Street Law: Corrections clinic

Brown University, Providence, RI

A.B. *magna cum laude* with honors, May, 1988

Community Service Activities

President, St. Anthony Educational Foundation, 2014

Board Member, Smart Activities for Fitness and Education, community tennis and college prep program in the District of Columbia, 2012-present

President and President-elect St. Anthony Hall, 7000-member, co-ed literary society, 2007-2008